

AREEPALAM BRIDGE

21. **Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the Areepalam bridge is in a dangerous condition ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state in what year it was brought to the notice of the Government ;

(c) if it was brought to the notice of the Government that there is necessity for repairing the bridge will Government be pleased to undertake this work immediately ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) There were some damages to the bridge and necessary repairs were done.

(b) In the year 1942.

(c) The bridge has been propped up and is proposed to be reconstructed this year.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashrof (Cranganur): May I know when the proposal would take effect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): It will be completed this year in the dry season.

AREEPALAM—VALLIVATTAM ROAD

22. **Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) in which year the construction of the road from Vallivattam to Areepalam was sanctioned ;

(b) the amount allotted to be spent in each year ;

(c) whether the amounts allotted to be spent in each year has been spent ;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the negative why those amounts were not spent in the years for which they were allotted ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) The work was approved by the Road Board in 1112 and a token grant of Rs. 5,000 was made. This was insufficient and so an additional sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by the Road Board in 1118. Acquisition proceedings are in progress now.

(b) Rs. 2,500 in 1115.

Rs. 2,500 in 1116.

(c) No.

(d) The question of spending any money on acquisition before the full amount required for acquisition is in hand was considered unjustified, and so no money was spent in the years given in answer to sub-division (b).

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon (Kattur): Whether the Government be pleased to take up the work as early as possible ?

23. **Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur):** In what stage is the construction of the Vallivattam-Areepalam road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): The acquisition proceedings are in progress.

KOLLENGODE-TRICHUR—RAILWAY LINE

24. **Mr. K. Natarajan Chettiar (Nemmara):** Will Government be pleased to state.—
have the Cochin Government any share in the expenditure and working of the proposed Kollengode-Trichur Railway line ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

The question has not yet been decided.

25. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) at whose instance the idea of having a railway from Trichur to Kollengode was conceived ;

(b) what is the great gain the State is expecting by it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) The Port of Cochin and the Cochin Government have been pressing for the construction of the Trichur-Kollengode line. Proposals for the connection from Trichur to Pollachi via Kollengode were under consideration from 1897.

(b) This line will provide an out-let to the products of South India, and thus will be to the benefit of the Port of Cochin. The line is also expected to pay for itself financially.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): Was the case of Chittur considered when the Cochin-Kollengode Railway was considered?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): When the question of connecting Pollachi and Palghat was taken up the question of taking up the line through Chittur was considered. Then it was found looking into the comparative merits of alignment a line through Chittur they preferred the present alignment.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): The exact alignment has not been fixed.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. (Secretary to Government): That question is being considered again. We are addressing the railway authorities on the matter of taking the line through Chittur.

MOORKANIKARA PRIMARY SCHOOL—NUMBER OF PUPILS ADMITTED IN CLASS I

26. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Uraḱam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

- the number of pupils admitted into Class I in the Moorkanikara Primary School on each of the days during the first two weeks since this year's re-opening;
- whether on any particular day admission was refused and if so on what ground;
- whether on any succeeding day admission was re-started;
- whether any pupil was refused admission in the same school in Class I during the last academic year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

- Statement appended. (Please see Appendix IV)
- New admission to Class I was stopped for want of furniture from 25th Edavam 1120.
- On receipt of Deputy Inspector's Memo A. 1078/20, dated 9th June 1945 with the information to admit pupils to Class I and that a new division will be sanctioned and furniture supplied. Admission was re-started from Monday 29th Edavam 1120.
- Some students were refused admission to Class I during the last academic year for want of furniture.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Uraḱam): How many students were refused or denied admission during the previous year because of want of furniture?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Mr. President, I think because they were not admitted it does not mean that they did not join any other school. I have made a further enquiry in respect of this question and I found out of the 9, 7 had gone to other schools, the remaining two did not go.

VARAVOOR AND THALI PRIMARY SCHOOLS

27. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon (Cheruthuruthi):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

- the strength of pupils in Varavoor and the Thali Primary Schools of the Talappalli Taluk;
- the nearest English Schools available to the student population of these places for higher studies and the distance to the same;
- whether the Government have any idea to give facilities for at least lower secondary education to the student population of these places by enlarging the Varavoor Elementary School into a Lower Secondary one?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

	Boys	Girls	Total
(a) M. S., Varavoor	116	91	207
A. N. M. M. S., Thichur, Thali	88	78	166
Nearest English School to M. S., Varavoor			Distance
(b) L. S. S., Cheruthuruthi			7 miles
H. S., Vadakkancheri			5 "